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PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination dated July 25, 2003 (date of the Certificate of Mailing), it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks and the enclosed Declaration be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2 and 12, and amend Claims 1 and 11, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.